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1. RANGOON FY 1977 NCAP ENROUTE. ANNEX 8 PORTION FOLLOWS BELOW
PER REF:

COUNTRY: BURMA

A. HIGHLIGHTS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. THE PAST SIX MONTHS WERE REMARKABLE FOR THE EXTENT OF COOPERATION WITH THE MISSION BY THE GUB. THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR VANCE PROVIDED THE CATALYST FOR UNPRECEDENTED PROGRAMS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PLANNING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. RESULTING FROM THAT VISIT, BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, WERE THE DISPATCHING OF HELICOPTER CREWS TO THE U.S. FOR TRAINING, THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST FOUR HELICOPTERS (WITH U.S. PILOT INSTRUCTORS AND OTHER TRAINING PERSONNEL), AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY THREE SENIOR GUB OFFICIALS WHO ARE THE KEY TO THE ENTIRE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT.

2. ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE, THE BURMA ARMY MET WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN BOTH INTERDICTING MAJOR CARAVANS AND CLOSING NORTHERN SHAN STATE REFINERIES, RESULTING IN A REORIENTATION OF THE ECONOMY OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. THE AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT AND ATTACK OF NARCOTICS TARGETS HAS HAD THE EFFECT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, OF

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STEMMING THE FLOW OF MAJOR QUANTITIES OF NARCOTICS OVER THE PAST

THREE MONTHS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

3. INTEREST BY THE GUB IN OTHER ASPECTS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS ENDEAVORS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF SEVERAL NARCOTICS ORIENTED VISITORS, INCLUDING TWO VISITS BY DR. PETER BOURNE, AN EXPERT IN TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION; AMBASSADOR VANCE, AND UNFDAC TEAMS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING THE FINAL STEPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. \$5 MILLION DOLLAR INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM.

B. STATUS OF AGREEMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENFORCEMENT: A PROJECT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WAS SIGNED ON JANUARY 6, 1975, INCREASING THE FUNDING OF A PROJECT UNDER WHICH SIX HELICOPTERS AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSES. THE INCREASE OF \$623,000 REPRESENTS AN ESTIMATE BASED ON MORE COMPLETE COST DATA THAN WAS ORIGINALLY AVAILABLE.

C. TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

TOTAL	OBLIGATIONS	EXPENDITURES
U.S. PERSONNEL	-	NOT AVAILABLE AT POST
EQUIPMENT	\$530,000	-
CONTRACT SSKVICES	-	,(-
TRAINING	93,000	-
	\$623,000	

D. TYPES, QUANTITY & COST OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

NONE (FOUR HELICOPTERS AND INITIAL SPARES DELIVERED JULY 1 AND 2, 1975).

E. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT IN PIPELINE

TYPE	QUANTITY	COST
HELICOPTERS	6	\$5,423,000

F. OTHER SUPPORT COSTS NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENTS

PER DIEM AND TRAVEL WITHIN U.S. AMOUNTS NOT AVAILABLE
OF THREE GUB SPECIALISTS IN AT POST.
NARCOTICS CONTROL.

G. NUMBER AND TYPE OF PEOPLE TRAINED

TWO BURMA AIR FORCE PILOTS WERE PROVIDED TRANSITION FLIGHT TRAINING
TO QUALIFY AS INSTRUCTOR PILOTS IN THE BELL 205A-1.
24 BURMA AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WERE PROVIDED TRAINING IN HELICOPTER
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.
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